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SUBJECT: ROWLING'S CABLE ON PINTADO VISIT

- 1. WE ARE DELAYING MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON A POSSIBLE REPLY TO ROWLING UNTIL AFTER PINTADO VISIT IS CONCLUDED AND WE HAVE YOUR ASSESSMENT ON HOW IT WENT AND ON ANY FURTHER REACTION TO IT BY ROWLING.
- 2. SHOULD WE DECIDE ON RECOMMENDING CABLE, WE INTEND TO USE FOLLOWING TEXT: QUOTE:

DEAR MR. ROWLING: I AM REPLYING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT TO YOUR CABLE REGARDING THE VISIT OF USS PINTADO CONFIDENTIAL

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TO NEW ZEALAND.

WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN YOUR VIEWS DIRECTLY. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN AWARE THAT SOME NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS DO NOT WELCOME THE VISIT OF US NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIPS TO NEW ZEALAND PORTS. THESE VISITS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AT THE INVITATION OF THE NEW ZEALAND

GOVERNMENT AND HAVE BEEN VIEWED BY A GREAT MANY AMERICANS, NEW ZEALANDERS AND OTHERS AS A MANIFESTATION OF THE CONTINUING STRENGTH OF THE ANZUS TREATY AND THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, UNQUOTE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY SUBMIT TIMELY WRAP-UP ON VISIT, INCLUDING VIEWS ON POSSIBLE REPLY TO ROWLING. CHRISTOPHER

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